



General Assembly

February Session, 2024

***Raised Bill No. 360***

LCO No. 2485



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSCRIPT FEES CHARGED BY  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS AND COURT REPORTING  
MONITORS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 51-63 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

3 (a) (1) In addition to a salary, an official court reporter and a court  
4 recording monitor shall be entitled to charge an individual, who is not  
5 a public official, three dollars and sixty cents for each transcript page  
6 which is ordered and transcribed from the original record as provided  
7 by law, provided such rate may only be charged once. Any subsequent  
8 charge for a transcript page previously produced for an individual who  
9 is not a public official shall be [one dollar and seventy-five cents] two  
10 dollars and ten cents.

11 (2) In addition to a salary, an official court reporter and a court  
12 recording monitor shall be entitled to charge any public official [, other  
13 than a judicial officer or employee of the Judicial Branch,] two dollars  
14 and forty cents for each transcript page which is ordered and

15 transcribed from the official record as provided by law, provided such  
16 rate may only be charged once. The charge to any public official [, other  
17 than a judicial officer or employee of the Judicial Branch,] shall be  
18 [seventy-five cents] ninety cents for each transcript page previously  
19 produced, except (A) there shall be no charge to the state's attorney for  
20 a transcript provided pursuant to subsection (d) of section 51-61, and (B)  
21 there shall be no charge to the court for a transcript provided pursuant  
22 to subsection (f) of section 51-61.

23 (b) The fee for a transcript of such record, when made for the court or  
24 for the state's attorney when acting in the court's or state's attorney's  
25 official capacity, and for one copy each to the plaintiff and the  
26 defendant, shall, upon the certificate of the presiding judge having so  
27 ordered such transcript, be paid as other court expenses and, in all other  
28 cases, by the party ordering the same, and such copies shall be furnished  
29 within a reasonable time.

30 (c) Official and assistant stenographers in the offices of the  
31 administrative law judges shall be entitled, in addition to the  
32 compensation otherwise provided for, to the same fees for preparing  
33 transcripts as are provided for official court reporters and court  
34 recording monitors in the Superior Court.

35 Sec. 2. Section 51-62 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

37 (a) Whenever a judge of the Superior Court, a judge trial referee or a  
38 family support magistrate sitting in chambers deems it necessary, the  
39 judge, judge trial referee or family support magistrate may call upon the  
40 official court reporter or court recording monitor for the judicial district  
41 in which any action pending is to be heard to take the evidence therein.  
42 The judge, judge trial referee or family support magistrate shall have  
43 and may exercise all the powers conferred by law upon a judge of the  
44 Superior Court when sitting as a court, with respect to transcripts of the  
45 official records of the official court reporter or court recording monitor.

46 (b) The official court reporter or court recording monitor when called

47 upon shall attend the hearings, and shall have all the powers, be subject  
48 to the same duties and receive the same compensation for attendance  
49 and fees for transcripts of the official records as are authorized by law.

50 (c) Whenever a judge of the Superior Court, a judge trial referee or a  
51 family support magistrate requests a record or transcript of a court  
52 proceeding from an official court reporter or court recording monitor,  
53 the Judicial Branch shall pay the official court reporter or court  
54 recording monitor the per page fee charged to a public official for such  
55 record or transcript pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of  
56 section 51-63, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2024	51-63
Sec. 2	October 1, 2024	51-62

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the per page fee paid to official court reporters and court reporting monitors for transcripts.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*